(c) if so, time by which and the locations thereof; and

(d) if not, the efforts being made for the effective functioning of the telecommunication system in these hilly distant areas?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) (a) The information is enclosed as Statement

(b) No Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) The Telecom system in the hilly areas of U.P. is working satisfactorily. New sub-divisions will be opened in future as and when justified.

STATEMENT

Divisional and Sub-Divisional Offices in the Hilly Areas of Uttar Pradesh

No.	Divisional	Sub-divisional	Areas covered
1.	Srinagar Garhwal	Pauri	Tehsil Pauri
		Chamoli	Distt. Area
		Tehri	Distt. Area
2.	Dehradun	Dehradun	Town & Tehsil
		Rishikesh	Town area
3.	Nainital	Nainital	Tehsil Area
		Haldwani	Tehsil Area
		Kasipur*	Tehsil Area
4.	Almora	Almora	Almora & Bageswar Tehsil Area.
		Pithoragarh	Revenue District

Note : * 1. Kashipur falls in plain area.

2. In addition to these sub-division posts, A.E. (Group Exchanges) are working at Kotdwara, Uttrkashi, Srinagar Garhwal (Srinagar Garhwal Division) and Chakrata, Mussorrie (Dehra Dun District) and Rudrapur, Sitarganj, Ramnagar, Pantnagar (in plain area of Natital district) and Ranikhet (Almora district).

Reservation Facilities at Azamgarh Railway Station

3112. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received some representations for providing reservation facilities for various trains at Azamgarh Railway Station during 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). A representation was received for allotment of reservation quota at Azamgarh Station in trains ex-Varanasi and Allahabad for going towards Delhi.

(c) The matter was examined and it was found that the utilisation of the existing quota of 2 berths in first class and 4 berths in Sleeper class by 4649 Saryu Yamuna Express was only to the extent of 65 percent. in view of this the existing quota was considered adequate to cater to the level of traffic dealt with at Azamgarh Station for journey towards Delhi.

Electronic Exchanges in U.P.

3113. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges opened in Uttar Pradesh during the year 1994-95;

(b) whether any target has been fixed for the years 1995-96, 1996-97 in this regard;

(c) if so, the details and achievements thereof;

(d) the number of exchanges out of them are functioning; and

(e) the number of old exchanges converted into electronics exchanges during the year 1994-95, 1995-96, till date?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) 178 electronic exchanges were opened in Uttar Pradesh during 1994-95.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)

Year	No. of electronic exchanges to be opened	
	Target	Achievement
1995-96	132	141
1996-97	110	34 (Upto 30.11.96)

(d) All exchanges are working satisfactorily except EWSD exchanges at Allahabad which got damaged recently due to fire incident. However, the services were restored promptly.

(e) *Details are given below :*

1994-95	73
1995-96	33
1.4.96 to 30.11.96	8

[English]

Industrial Training for Youth

3114. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to impart industrial training to more and more youth;